Issue List
on Research Assessment
in the Humanities
and Social Sciences
Ver. 1

What is the scope of responsibility of intermediary organizations, such as funding agencies, in research assessment?

How should organizational research results be measured while ensuring transparency and objectivity?

How can we further improve peer review?

How do we fully examine program assessment and accumulate experience of it?

What is needed to achieve research assessment that contributes to the genuine support and development of research and researchers?

What other aspects of the university should be evaluated besides academic achievements and what criteria should be set for them?

What is the ideal form of assessment based on the various purposes of assessment?

How do we assess interactions between a diverse set of actors within and outside academia?

What kind of environment should be created to facilitate active cross-disciplinary discussions among researchers?

How can we tailor appropriate and effective assessment methods suited to each academic field?

What does it take to put research assessment improvements into action?

Is it possible to draw a line between academic and non-academic research results?

How can we improve the ability to imagine and express mid- and long-term impact in the scheme of early career researcher development?

How do we identify and understand the scope of impact to be assessed?

What indicators, evidence, and impact need to be identified in a system that captures impact?

Further discussion points/sub-issues for each issue can be viewed here:

References/Interviews

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